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Rev. Hugh Vernon White, who is on the faculty of the Pacific School of Religion for the spring quarter, conducting a seminar on "Readjustments in Modern Missions," will fill many preaching and speaking engagements while in California.

Chief among these will be the programs of the Spring Meetings of the Associations, schedule of which appears below.

Dr. White is well known in Northern California, being a graduate of the University of California and of the Pa-



REV. HUGH VERNON WHITE, D.D.

cific School of Religion, and holding his Doctor's degree from Stanford. He has been lecturer at Chicago Theological Seminary and Andover Newton Seminary. For eight years he was pastor of the First Congregational Church of Stockton, from which post he was called to be Secretary of the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions. In this capacity he made a trip around the world about two years ago. He is the author of several books, two of which have taken rank as unsurpassed in their fields of interest, namely, "The Theology of Christian Missions" and "A Working Faith for the World." Recently Dr. White was selected to speak in a worldwide broadcast to all the missionaries of the American Board the world around.

Friday, April 14—Central Association at Murphys.

Monday, April 17—Upper Bay Association at Rio Vista.

Friday, April 21—San Joaquin Association at Fresno, First Church.

Monday, April 24—Redwood Empire Association at Santa Rosa.

Tuesday, April 25—Bay Association at Hayward.

Wednesday, April 26—Santa Clara Association at San Carlos.

Friday, April 28—Sacramento Valley Association at Paradise.

Sunday, April 30—Modoc Association.

A spring conference of the Lokoya Pilgrim Fellowship will be held at Sebastopol on Sunday, April 16, from 4 to 8:00 p. m.

YES, WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

What would you do if you were a member of the Conference Board of Directors in this situation? You are asked to vote on a budget. There are two alternatives. One is to maintain the work of the Conference, with its aid to missionary churches, and its important service to all of our churches, and exercise faith that our people will respond and make it possible. The other is the cutting out of projects that would weaken, perhaps destroy, religious work in some of our communities. You remember that right straight through the depression the line has been held—not a church surrendered or given up for financial reasons. You are assured that not a dollar of Conference money is being spent to compete with other churches. You recall the fact that for four consecutive years a large number of Congregational people have made individual gifts so that there would be no deficits. And now you learn that income will be reduced by perhaps \$1,000 because of the lowered earnings of invested funds. Would you vote to "cut" or "not to cut"?

That was the dilemma faced by the Board, elected by the churches to do their work, when the budget was adopted last April. Rightly or wrongly, the Board and the staff used faith. Eleven months have passed and the time has now come for Congregational people to say that the faith was justified. AND IT CAN BE DONE! Here's how:

1. Let pastors and treasurers see that regular apportionment receipts are sent to the Conference office right after Sunday, March 26.

2. Let churches that have not participated in or completed their "Extra Dollar" campaign, DO IT NOW.

3. Let our friends, individually, do as they have done for several years, send their special gifts. Last year several gave \$100, others gave \$50, still others \$25 and \$10. It will take a lot of them this year. Now is the time to reach for the check book, and send your part to W. Wallace Furze, Treasurer, 1164 Phelan Bldg., San Francisco.

GREAT FAITH PLUS CONSECRATED GIVING SPELLS VICTORY.

LAYMEN'S MEETINGS

As the March issue of The Pacific goes to press half of the men's district dinner meetings have been held, with very good attendance and excellent interest at each one. Rev. Dwight J. Bradley, director of the Council for Social Action, has spoken on each occasion and has brought reassurance and encouragement to both ministers and laymen in his discussion of the program of the Council. He plans to make of it a thoroughly Christian organization and not an agency of propaganda for or against any political or economic system. He believes it should be grounded in a spiritual fellowship, with devotion to Christ as the underlying principle.

Following the meetings at Petaluma, Fresno, Oakland, Santa Cruz, and Paradise, Dr. Bradley flies north for a preaching mission at the Washington State College at Pullman. On his return he will continue with the laymen's dinner meetings as follows:

Monday, March 20—Martinez.

Tuesday, March 21—San Francisco, First Church.

Monday, March 27—Palo Alto.

Wednesday, March 29—Stockton.

Friday, March 31—Sacramento.

He is teaching a seminar at the Pacific School of Religion and is filling many preaching and speaking engagements for churches and other organizations in the Conference.

Program of Progress

A Program of Progress is to be launched under the leadership of the Educational Division of the Board of Home Missions, beginning in April. The Pacific will carry an article concerning it at that time. Four pages of each issue of ADVANCE will have material which will be helpful to churches in carrying out the program. Subscriptions to ADVANCE are woefully lacking in our Conference. Now would be a good time to let this valuable paper start coming into our homes.

Four new subscriptions may be secured for \$5.00, all sent directly to individual addresses.

FINAL FIGURES

In the February issue of The Pacific there was printed a report of the benevolence receipts from the churches for the year 1938 which had gone through the Conference treasury. It showed a gain of \$31.00. In the same article it was pointed out that figures reported at Evanston, including direct gifts, indicated a loss from all sources of about \$500.00.

Revisions and corrections now are complete, ready for the Year Book. It appears that gifts from all sources in Northern California to the Board of Home Missions are \$8,330, to the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions \$8,993, and to the Conference and Ministers' Relief Society \$19,446, or a total of budgeted apportionment gifts of \$36,769 as against \$37,055 the year previous, or a loss of \$286, or $\frac{3}{4}$ of 1 per cent. Our giving to the unbudgeted apportionment, including the Christmas Fund, amounted to \$1,151, whereas the year before it was \$1,315.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 20—Spring Meeting of Federation of Congregational Women, Treasure Island.

May 8, 9, 10—Southern California Congregational Conference, Glendale.

June 10-17—Young People's Conference, Fresno area.

June 17-23—East Bay Young People's Conference, near La Honda.

June 20-30—Institute of International Relations, Mills College.

July 29 to August 5—Young People's Conference, Zephyr Point, Lake Tahoe.

July 29 to August 5—Young Adult Conference, Zephyr Point, Lake Tahoe.

August 6-12—Young People's Conference, Lokoya.

August 6-12—West Bay Young People's Conference, near La Honda.

August 14-21—Modoc-Trinity Young People's Conference.

October 17-19—State Conference, Santa Cruz.

ON THE UP AND UP

Column after column in the Northern California summary for the Year Book shows a healthy gain.

For the first time in its history, our Conference shows a membership in excess of 20,000—20,209 to be exact. For years we have been shooting at this mark, but never quite reached it before. 650 were added by confession of faith and 650 more by letter, whereas removals, including those by death and letter, as well as revision of the roll, total 968. Not quite so many are reported as absent members as a year ago.

A cause of universal rejoicing among those interested in religious education is that for the first time in many years Sunday School enrollment shows a gain. There has been an alarming decline, without interruption from 1932 when the enrollment was about 14,500, to a low point of 11,401, but during 1938 there was a gain of more than 500.

The membership of young people's societies shows a new all-time high of 4,815. Three times before, in 1932, 1935 and 1938, more than 4,500 were reported. When one remembers that in 1929 there were fewer than 3,000, there is cause for great encouragement in this area of our church life.

The value of church property shows a slight increase, and the amount of outstanding indebtedness has dropped by \$30,000. The amount of home expenses is a little lower than a year ago.

TEMPLE OF FAITHS

Visitors to the Golden Gate International Exposition from our churches are cordially invited and urged to spend some time in the Temple of Religion, which is very centrally located. There is an auditorium, seating 300 people, with a pipe organ. Regular Sunday vesper services are held and other gatherings are provided for. There is a lounge where people can rest in quietness, away from the rush of tramping crowds and the noise of the Gateway.

Many rare and beautiful Bibles are on exhibition, and also objects and pictures of archaeological interest, the latter coming from the Palestinian Institute of the Pacific School of Religion. Murals depict the religious development of man and seek to set forth the great truths of man's dependence upon God. Plants and flowers from Holy Land are to be found in the garden.

BAY ASSOCIATION ELECTS

At the annual meeting of the Bay Association, the following officers were elected: Moderator, Rev. P. Pierson Parker; Assistant Moderator, Rev. C. L. Mears; Registrar, Rev. James E. Enman; Assistant Registrar, Miss Edith M. Clark; Auditor, Mr. C. B. Wingate; Board of Directors: Rev. J. H. McCartney, Rev. Jason Noble Pierce, Mr. F. H. Seely, Mr. George S. Martin, and Rev. Gail Cleland; member of Board of Directors to fill vacancy of Class of 1941, Rev. V. H. Yessayan. The By-Laws were amended and the number of the Board of Directors was reduced from 18 to 5. The Spring Meeting of the Association will be held at Hayward on Tuesday, April 25.

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NOT SO BAD

The slimmest period of the year in benevolence receipts is from January 10, when the apportionment year closes, to February 28. The total shows a little less for 1939 than for 1938, but that would have been overcome by a remittance for two months rather than one by one of our larger churches. An encouraging fact is that six more churches made remittances during this period in 1939 than a year ago. The figures below do not include "Extra Dollar" gifts which a number of our churches are now collecting, and which will be reported in full at the end of March. The efforts of pastors and treasurers in sending remittances for the current quarter, immediately following Sunday, March 26, will be especially appreciated, because the Conference fiscal year closes March 31.

Church	Jan. 11 to Feb. 28, '39	Jan. 11 to Feb. 28, '38
Angels Camp	\$ 2.00	\$ 40.00
Auburn	583.61	856.66
Berkeley, First	65.50	—
North	22.41	6.30
Cloverdale	89.36	42.64
Eureka	41.96	—
Fresno, First	50.00	50.00
Pilgrim	10.00	—
Glen Ellen	—	180.00
Lodi, First	22.10	21.65
Martinez	60.00	60.00
Murphys	416.64	484.16
Oakland, First	—	5.00
Japanese	95.64	68.83
Plymouth	13.65	20.00
Oroville	19.98	—
Pacific Grove	333.35	150.00
Palo Alto	50.00	—
Paradise	5.00	66.43
Petaluma	—	11.81
Pittsburg	8.73	14.85
Ripon	20.00	37.89
Sacramento	25.62	15.77
San Carlos	20.00	—
San Francisco, Calvary	—	135.16
First	—	95.00
Richmond	120.00	—
San Jose	49.37	—
San Mateo	75.00	—
Santa Cruz	75.00	—
Santa Rosa	13.20	9.23
Sebastopol	15.00	18.85
Sonoma	14.00	12.50
Stockton	5.00	25.10
Sunol	20.00	—
Tulare	40.00	—
Weaverville	19.00	—
Reno, Nevada	29.62	27.37
Miscellaneous	10.00	2.00
Total	\$2,365.76	\$2,488.20

WHITAKERS ARRIVE

A letter from Rev. and Mrs. Robert B. Whitaker, dated December 28, from the American Board Mission, Peiping, China has come to hand. The Whitakers sailed from San Francisco about December 1 and, according to their letter, had a very pleasant trip with delightful stop-overs in Honolulu and Japan. On arrival at their Chinese port, T'angku, there was only a delay of about three hours before taking their train for Peiping, where they arrived the same evening. The first foreign friend that they met was Dr. Alma Locke Cooke. The Whitakers are now located in Peiping, for work with the Frame Memorial, a Christian social center operated in one of the city's most populous sections. Their address is simply: American Board Mission, Peiping, China.

RIDDLE'S ANSWER

It is not too late for our churches and ministers to avail themselves of the plan proposed by Rev. O. W. S. McCall and the Conference Committee on Evangelism, known as "The Riddle's Answer." A more thorough-going commitment by individual Christians to the cause of Christ and His way of life is the great need of the Church and of the world today. For church members to renew their vows by signing this declaration: "1. **Regular attendance at Church.** Each must define 'regular' for himself, for circumstances differ. But honest and conscientious fulfillment of the spirit of this is required. 2. **The Practice of Personal Religion.** Lest life should be choked by arbitrary methods, these are not prescribed. But close, devoted exercise of the soul in the great inward movement of religion—personally, oneself, personally—is required. 3. **Adventure with the Mind of Christ.** This is basic. ('Other foundation can no man lay.') It is basically required that Christ's way of thinking about God—about life—about oneself—one's behavior—one's neighbor—one's world—be accepted as the character of our thinking, and as a thrilling enterprise of faith and practice leading to the Kingdom of God He preached." We should be reminded of it now and then from the pulpit, and it will certainly be a source of power.

The literature, all of it prepared by Dr. McCall and used for more than a year in his own parish, is available to our churches at the cost of printing, as was voted at the San Mateo conference. Two-thirds of the supply has already been ordered. Other copies are available at \$3.00 per hundred sets, 4c each in lots of ten, or 5c for a single set, from the Conference office, 1164 Phelan Building, San Francisco.

A DOLLAR

When a dollar is spent to develop a waterfall, the materials and labor employed performs an almost everlasting service. This service would extend over 100 years as a minimum.

When a dollar is spent to build the average house, the material and labor serves a useful purpose for 50 years.

When a dollar is spent to buy an automobile, the product of the materials and labor lasts 10 years or more.

When the dollar is used to buy an overcoat, it may last five years, or if used to buy an under-garment it may last one year.

When this dollar is used to buy tobacco, the result lasts only a few hours, while when used to buy a fire cracker it lasts only a few seconds.

When, however, the dollar is spent for something harmful, like liquor, the result is minus. It not only serves no useful purpose, but it actually pulls down and destroys both the individual and the nation as a whole.

—Roger W. Babson.

GOOD FRIDAY DEVOTIONS FOR THE HOME

"A Meditation for Good Friday" has been prepared in leaflet form by the Commission on Evangelism. It was written by our own Professor James Muilenburg of Pacific School of Religion, and is for devotional use in the home on Good Friday. It is one of a series being prepared by the Seminar on Personal Devotions for special days during the year, including New Year's, Good Friday, Memorial Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. Copies may be ordered through Pacific Book Service at 1 cent each or 50 cents per hundred, plus tax. Our churches would do well to order enough copies for general distribution in the homes.

PLYMOUTH HOUSE

Plymouth House, the Conference project at the University of California, Berkeley, moves forward steadily both in the number of students interested and in scope of activities. A musical comedy, "Campus Confusions," has been written and will be produced March 17 by members of the group. Income from this affair is needed to complete the organization's budget. The semi-annual directory of members, just published, contains 135 active members. More than this number avail themselves weekly of the various privileges offered.

Recognizing the added demands made upon Director Fred Morrow's time and energies by the Berkeley First Church during its period without a pastor, the Board of Trustees has authorized the employment of a part-time Associate in Student Work. Already at work in this capacity is Mr. Andrew Price, a graduate of the University in the class of '36. Mr. Price is now engaged in study toward a higher degree at Berkeley, following two year's study at the University of Chicago. While an undergraduate he was active in Plymouth House and the Pilgrim Fellowship.

"VERITABLE REVELATION"

Enthusiastic words of appreciation have come from church after church where Dr. Leonard Wilbur or Mrs. Wilbur have spoken. No less than 26 different churches have had one or the other, or both of these fine young representatives of ours, who have told of China and their work of healing and helpfulness. Dr. Wilbur has been as far as Eureka on the north and Porterville on the south. He has spoken at Sunday morning services, at young people's groups, to men's clubs, and women's organizations. It is hoped that later on he will have time to reach still more of our churches. One of our pastors had this to say of his visit:

"Dr. Wilbur's stay with us has been greatly appreciated by our people. He has made a large number of friends both for himself and the cause he represents. I know of nothing that could have been more effective in making our people acquainted with their own missionary enterprise. They will be looking for any news about him and his work with great interest. To some he has come like a veritable revelation. We are certainly grateful for having had the opportunity of having him with us."

WORLD SERVICE

The World Service Committee of the Conference met on February 28 at First Church, Oakland, electing Mrs. A. V. Dunn as chairman. It was voted to suggest to the pastors of our churches that the Sunday following the next State Conference, namely, October 22, be designated as Fellowship Sunday, with a general exchange of pulpits, to be arranged by the Conference office, and with the request that missionary sermons be preached that day.

Field Secretary Sherman and Superintendent Gill were requested by the Committee to visit as many churches as possible in order that the program of the Conference and of the national Boards might be better understood by the officers of the local churches, and that help might be brought by the Conference to the churches in their problems.

Toward the end of the year those churches that are not successful in otherwise caring for their benevolence budgets will be invited to share in the Thanks With Giving offerings on Thanksgiving Sunday.

February Attendance

Thirty-five churches reported a total attendance for the four Sundays in the month of February of 8,305, including 2,934 men and boys. Comparative figures for the month of January in which there were five Sundays, were 34 churches with a total of 11,649 including 3,988 men and boys. The churches reporting in each month were not identical, however. Three churches reported a total attendance of 2,554, but did not report the number of men and boys. One church, which reported only the average attendance, could therefore not be included.

WANTED—A table suitable for use in the church for the communion. The Angels Camp church has changed the front of the platform, making it more practicable and attractive, but a communion table is needed. Any church or individual having one will please communicate with Rev. John G. Dickey, giving description, including the dimensions.

AUBURN. Rev. Stewart E. Locke, the new pastor, is now at work. His coming has brought much joy to the young people. The electric organ purchased a month ago is nearly paid for.

AND IT CAME

A LITTLE STORY FROM REAL LIFE

Many year ago one of our Northern California Congregational laymen made his will. He knew of the work of the old California Home Missionary Society (now merged with the Conference). He believed in what it was doing. He wanted that work to continue after he was gone. And so he wrote it in his will. Years passed by. The day came when he "passed on." His will was read. There it was: \$500 as a definite bequest, not a residuum of doubtful value. No one had known about it, but a few weeks ago that \$500 came into the treasury to help carry forward the cause in which he was interested while he lived. **TRULY, HIS WORKS FOLLOW AFTER HIM.** A simple statement written in or added to one's will now will be of inestimable value in years to come.

FORM OF BEQUEST

I give and bequeath to Northern California Congregational Conference of San Francisco, California, the sum of.....

..... Dollars,
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Name.....

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES ON THE JOB

SAN FRANCISCO, FIRST CONGRESSIONAL METHODIST TEMPLE. Arrangement has been made for the assistance of Dr. A. Earl Kernahan in a pre-Easter membership campaign. Something new for a Lincoln celebration was worked out in the form of a chorologue, a musical and dramatic portrayal of Lincoln and his time, with the great emancipator portrayed by Rev. E. A. Lowther and Rev. Jason Noble Pierce serving as narrator. Music was directed by Dr. Wm. E. Knuth. Dr. Pierce was speaker at the Town Hall Forum on "America's Challenge to Racial and Religious Intolerance." The church has recently published a new directory, including names of officers and members and other helpful information.

ANTIOCH. Pilgrim Fellowship Sunday was observed with the pastor, Rev. W. R. Steininger, speaking on the principles of the organization. Boy Scouts were in attendance the Sunday following. The number of church goers is slowly but steadily increasing. Greeting committees are on hand to welcome people. Mrs. James Hazlett has been invited to speak to the Women's Service Club, and a missionary play is planned for the Sunday School. A church social night is to be held once a month.

REDWOOD CITY. The annual reports having disclosed a very satisfactory financial condition, the church, under Rev. Charles E. Ward's leadership, is concentrating upon increased spiritual activity and a wider audience. Especial efforts are being made to increase the attendance of men at regular services, and several dinners for men and boys have been held, each followed by good programs, which have evoked an enthusiastic response.

ALAMEDA. On the first Sunday in March Friendship Day was observed, with half of the membership calling on the other half. Motion pictures have been used several Sunday evenings, and the church is considering the purchase of equipment. Rev. Gail Cleland, the pastor, always chooses interesting subjects. Some of those recently used are: "The Doctor and the Christian," "An Angry Missionary," "Those Two Imposters."

COTATI. A community turkey dinner was served to 185 persons in February, with Mrs. C. C. Champlin in charge. An old-fashioned spelling bee, community singing, and real good fellowship prevailed. Local Catholic church members were present in large numbers.

BERKELEY, PARK. Rev. Tom Watt, pastor, who is president of the Berkeley fellowship of churches, is head of the promotional committee for the Post Madras Conference.

SAN CARLOS. Rev. and Mrs. H. J. Loken are located in their new field of work. Splendid congregations are coming on Sunday mornings. A men's group is in process of organization.

BERKELEY, KENSINGTON. Mr. R. C. M. Fiske, director, announces that a series of lectures on great men of the Bible and their messages will be given by Dr. George P. Hedley.

ADIN. Sunday School attendance on February 26 reached an all time high of 66. Rev. A. W. Monosmith made the long trip to be in attendance at the Pastoral Conference in Berkeley.

TULARE. The congregation, with the pastor, Rev. Arthur L. Rice, enjoying the experience of sitting in a pew, was led in a beautiful and effective service of worship when the Pilgrim Fellowship group took charge on February 5. Young people provided the music, led in the various portions of the service, and three speakers presented the viewpoint of youth on the topic, "We need the church for what it does for the individual, the community, and the world," the last topic being presented by a Norwegian girl who is taking a post-graduate year in the Tulare High School and is an active member of the Pilgrim Fellowship group.

CALAVARAS COUNTY. The platform in the Angels Camp church has been torn out and rebuilt, giving more room for the choir and permitting its use for pageants and programs. New lighting fixtures are to be installed. The church will soon have a lawn, with a permanent sprinkling system. Shrubbery will be set along the church and social hall. Fifty new hymn books have been secured for the Murphy church. The pastor, Rev. John G. Dickey, is conducting classes for church membership at both points.

SACRAMENTO. Mrs. H. N. Hobart is to lead a class on preparation of devotional material during Lent. Mrs. Hobart has written a number of devotional services which have been published. Mrs. Lawrence Wilson leads a group of young home makers in a course on religion and the child in the home. Lieutenant Governor Ellis Patterson was speaker at the Men's Club meeting. The church is to share in Sacramento's centennial celebration. Rev. Lawrence Wilson is pastor.

RIO VISTA. A canvass to put the financial support of the church on a sound basis is under way with encouraging results. A budget has been adopted which, if raised, will make it unnecessary to have food sales, card parties, money raising dinners, and other solicitations. Rev. Victor Morgan is pastor.

OAKLAND, FRUITVALE. Again this church scores by sending in a subscription to The Pacific for every family in the church. A sermon by Rev. J. B. Orr, the pastor, entitled "How evil enters Gardens of Eden today," appeared in the February issue of The Pulpit Digest.

CAMPBELL. The fiftieth anniversary of this church will be celebrated April 23 and 24. In spite of very difficult agricultural conditions, 1938 was finished without debt. A young adult group has been developed, also an organization of business women, and of men. Rev. J. H. Bennett is pastor.

LODI. Rev. A. R. Boone is preaching a series of Lenten sermons on the "I Am" of Jesus. The church cooperates with other churches in a union Sunday evening service. During March the theme for each Sunday night, by a different speaker, will be "If I had but one sermon to preach."

PACIFIC GROVE. There has been a marked increase in attendance at the midweek meeting, due to interest aroused in the study of Genesis under the leadership of the pastor, Rev. Elwood B. Hunter. Six new members were added at the last communion service.

LOOMIS. About 250 young people attended the jubilee dinner celebrating the completion of the building following the disaster by fire and hurricane during the past two years. It was necessary for the church to secure a small loan from the Building Society but the plant is in better and more attractive condition than ever before. Supt. Gill was the speaker at the dinner and also at the Sunday service which followed, participating in the rededication. Rev. E. P. Shier is pastor and has made for himself a place of leadership in the community as well as the church.

PITTSBURG. Through the gracious gift of Mrs. Laura Cragin of Santa Rosa over 7,000 daffodils were given to the Women's Auxiliary, again this year. This event has become one of the most colorful occasions of the entire year. Mrs. Cragin is truly "The Daffodil Lady" and the blessing of her garden is spread far and near. She says it "with daffodils."

During Lent the theme of the Sunday morning sermons by the pastor, Rev. E. W. Benedict, will be "Meeting the Master" and in the evening "Keys to the Castle of Living."

PORTERVILLE. Seventy-five young people attended morning worship on Pilgrim Fellowship Sunday. They were supplemented by 133 other folk. The "Fellowship of Prayer" has been distributed to every family in the church and announcements of the Lenten and Easter services have been sent to every home in the community. After closing a year as president of the Chamber of Commerce, Rev. John H. Gregg has taken the lead in the organization of a Community Chest and is the first president.

BERKELEY, CHINESE. Two young people were baptized and five were received into membership of the church, with Supt. Gill welcoming them and conducting the communion service on February 26. A fine program of worship and education is going forward under the leadership of Mr. Dan Yee.

OAKLAND, FIRST. A net gain of 30 members for 1938 was reported at the annual meeting, bringing the total membership up to 1,473. Rev. Clarence Reidenbach, the pastor, is in the midst of a series of Sunday morning services, all of them centering about the question, "What did Jesus teach?"

TRINITY COUNTY. Rev. James D. Salmon reports that a new school building has been completed at Junction City, and expects to start religious work there. Both the Weaverville and Hayfork churches are cooperating on the Extra Dollar fund for the Conference deficit.

SAN FRANCISCO, CALVARY ARMENIAN. In spite of heavy rain, more than 150 were in attendance at a concert of Armenian music in the Century Hall, under the leadership of Mrs. H. K. Khachadourian, the wife of the pastor. About \$150 was raised for the building fund.

PENNGROVE. At the February communion nine persons were received into membership. The nucleus of a building fund for an annex is started.

EUREKA. Sunday services are now being broadcast regularly and many helpful contacts are thus being made. Rev. C. H. Hudson is pastor.

YOSEMITE PARK CHURCH. Rev. James Asa White, pastor, has been confronted with serious relief problems in addition to his regular work as pastor of the church in the Valley. During a recent week he sent a 91-year-old man by ambulance more than 100 miles to a hospital, he brought a T.B. patient 1½ miles on a sled and then 100 miles to the County Hospital, and returning brought a high school girl 44 miles to a dentist. The church attendance during the past year was 39,000. Toward this work various denominations make contributions, our own Conference giving \$100 annually.

SAN FRANCISCO, GRACE UNITED. A strong Lenten program is under way, which began on Ash Wednesday with a preaching mission by Rev. A. Raymond Grant of Sacramento. Noonday Lenten meditations will be held Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of each week from 12:15 to 12:45. On Good Friday there will be a three-hour service. Communion will be administered each Sunday morning at 9:00 o'clock. Rev. D. W. Throckmorton, the pastor, will preach each Sunday morning. Services are also held Sunday evenings.

RIPON. Fellowship Sunday was observed by an inter-faith service, with Rabbi Levy of Stockton, Fr. John Stark of Old St. Mary's of San Francisco, and Prof. George Collier of College of the Pacific, as speakers. It was the first thing of the kind to be held in Ripon and brought out a large congregation. Rev. Robert A. Bentley will have classes for young people in preparation for church membership on Saturday mornings during Lent. He will lead discussions on "Discipleship" at midweek fellowship suppers.

OAKLAND, PLYMOUTH. A series of midweek Lenten dinners have been arranged, under the leadership of Rev. Francis J. Van Horn. Open house for all friends of the church follows. The financial canvass under the direction of Field Secretary Sherman has resulted in a substantial increase of resources.

SANTA CRUZ. On Boy Scout day more than 100 Scouts attended morning worship. Rabbi William Stern of Oakland gave the address on Brotherhood day. The church is to paint and repair the building in preparation for the State Conference. Rev. H. S. Mahood is pastor.

SONOMA. The Sunday School continues to grow, and showed an attendance of 99 on a recent Sunday. New families have moved into the region and they were honored at a fellowship dinner. Several laymen attended the district men's meeting at Petaluma. Rev. E. W. Perry is pastor.

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WOMEN'S FEDERATION NEWS

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The Executive Meeting of the Federation is held the third Thursday of each month at 10:15 a. m., in the First Congregational Church, Oakland, unless otherwise stated.

EVANSTON ECHOES

Of outstanding interest in our February Federation meeting were reports from the Evanston Midwinter meeting. Mrs. C. A. Kofoed, attending with Dr. Kofoed who is a member of the Prudential Committee, gave many interesting items concerning the Financial, Administrative, and Field Departments of our Home and Foreign work. Seventy-two per cent of the money now sustaining our Home Boards is income from bequests of "departed saints." The Foreign Board's investments now receive only 4.37 per cent interest, as against 4.83 per cent formerly. The advancing age of our missionaries is a matter of concern. Fifteen young missionaries should be sent out within the next five years.

Highlights from report of our President, Mrs. R. A. Fuller: Objectives for 1939 are (1) Spiritual life enrichment. Spiritual Life groups, organizing spontaneously because women feel the need, are desirable. (2) Financial responsibility. Present giving is not enough for needs of the Boards. Leadership is necessary for promoting giving. Projects are now nil except as objects of study. Our apportionments go to the budgeted work of the Boards. Within the list of such budgeted work, a large church or a group of smaller churches may select some object as their "pledged work."

There is also an unbudgeted, or contingent list, open to a church or an individual after their apportionment is met (such as Tillotson College's new building). (3) Pride in churchmanship should be fostered. . . . From Home Boards' Meeting: Superintendent E. C. Gillette called the tenantry and share-cropper problem of the South "U. S. No. 1 Economic Problem." Most Southern churches are rural. In our Congregational churches, both women's and young people's organizations are promoted; but they are lacking in some denominations. . . . Dr. H. S. Barnwell said the emphasis in our Negro work must be on the qualitative and not the quantitative aspect. Congregationalists started Day Nurseries and Vacation Bible Schools for Negroes. Now Methodists and Baptists have followed their lead. . . . Dr. W. F. Frazier said the root of much trouble in Puerto Rico is the uncertainty as to what the American people are going to do with the Island. The Wage and Hour Bill has worked much hardship by forcing many plants to close, thus depriving workers of all wages. We have three fine young surgeons in Puerto Rico, working against T. B. and hookworm, etc. Our Blanche Kellogg Institute is fighting illiteracy and stressing cleanliness for adults and children.

BOOKS NEEDED

Mrs. T. T. Giffen, Home Field Secretary, made a strong plea for used books for Talladega, our A. M. A. Negro College in Alabama. Savery Hall, Talladega's new library, dedicated March 1-3, needs many books of many sorts, for it will serve not only the college but the community. Also a truck will be fitted up with a travelling library to circulate among the 52 rural schools in the county. We can now send books for 1½ cents a pound, in packages up to 70 pounds. Let us see to it that many books go at once. Read more about it in the February "Missionary Herald," page 48. Address: County and Community Library at Talladega College, Talladega, Alabama.

SPRING MEET

The Spring meeting of the Federation is to be held in the Temple of Religion on Treasure Island, Thursday, April 20, at 1:30 P. M. The session will close at 4:30, allowing time to see the Fair. There are numerous places on the Fair grounds to obtain meals; no special provision will be made. Entertainment for the night and breakfast will be furnished to a limited number if notice is sent to Mrs. J. M. Burk, 2333 Carlton Street, Berkeley, not later than April 15. The cost of the trip will be 50 cents admission to the Fair and 20 cents round trip by ferry from either San Francisco or Oakland in addition to carfare. The round trip for autos via the bridge is 50 cents and parking is an additional 50 cents.

\$200 FOR TILLOTSON

Our splendid Thank Offering victory, (1,433.58) has encouraged our Federation to undertake an additional project. It was voted to try to give \$1,500 this year, which will enable us to send \$200 to Tillotson College in Austin, Texas, for her sorely needed new building. Southern California Federation has already pledged \$500 toward it. If those of our Women's groups not yet participating in the Thank Offering will join us in it this year, our new project will be assured. Thank Offering boxes (3 cents each) can be obtained from the Conference office.

Social Service Quotas Assigned

Mrs. B. P. Martin, Social Welfare Secretary, gave out this year's quotas. She stressed: (1) Be sure to enclose name of sender inside the package. (2) Be sure to give name of sender when sending money to American Board for forwarding. (3) Be sure to list the articles called for, when substituting money for them.

Fort Berthold Mission, Lincoln Academy, and Tillotson College, will all be very glad of used clothing. There is a special request for curtains at Tillotson—70 yards of yellow or light-colored material. The students will make them. It is suggested that several of our groups might club together and send the money so that Tillotson might choose material herself. This would also save expense of sending material. Total cost of material is estimated at \$15.00 to \$20.00. Mrs. Martin will be glad to send to anyone, on request, leaflets telling of the Home Mission stations to which our quotas go. Address her, 2141 Rose Street, Berkeley.

VISUAL EDUCATION

Mrs. L. M. Drury, speaking for the Conference Religious Education Committee, presented to the Federation the need they felt for visual education (moving pictures, etc.) in their work among our Church School children, and their hope for financial aid. The matter was taken under advisement.

DAFFODIL TEA

On February 14, the Women's Auxiliary of Berkeley North Church held its 9th annual Daffodil Tea, at which were sold 6,000 daffodils donated from the Santa Rosa gardens of Mrs. C. C. Cragin, known as the beloved Daffodil Lady. The Social Hall was a golden glory of beauty, and the Tea was a social and financial success. This year Mrs. Cragin's generosity has been shared by Martinez and Pittsburg churches also.

THE MADRAS MESSAGE TO ALL PEOPLE

"The International Missionary Council, meeting in Tambaram in India, sends greetings to the peoples of all lands.

"We are 470 delegates, gathered from 70 nations and from many races of the earth to consider how we may better make known to the world the love of the eternal God as He has revealed Himself in Jesus Christ.

"The reports that have been brought to us from every quarter of the globe have made us realize that the ancient pestilences which destroy mankind are abroad with a virulence unparalleled. In every country the fact of war or the fear of it casts its paralyzing shadow over human hope. Race hatred, the ugly parent of persecution, has been set up as a national idol in many a market place and increasingly becomes a household god. Everywhere the greed of money continues to separate those who have from those who have not, filling the latter with angry plans of revolution and the former with the nervousness of power.

"Again and again a sense of penitence has come over us as we have realized that these consuming evils are all of them man-made. They bear upon them the marks of human manufacture as clearly as the motor car or the airplane. Neither flood nor earthquake nor dark mysterious force outside of our control produces wars or economic tensions. We know that we live involved within a chaos which we ourselves have made.

"Again and again we have been forced to note that the evils that we face are not the work of bad men only but of good as well. The gravest of our disasters have been brought upon us not by men desiring to make trouble for mankind but by those who thought they did their best in the circumstances surrounding them. We do not know the man wise enough to have saved the world from its present sufferings—and we do not know the man wise enough to deliver us now.

"But it is just at this point that we are forced back upon our Faith and rescued from pessimism to a glorious hope. We know that there is One who,

unlike ourselves, is not defeated and who cannot know defeat. In the wonder of Christ's revelation we see God not as a remote and careless deity sufficient to Himself, but as a Father with a love for mankind, His children, as indescribable as it is fathomless.

"We who have looked at Christ, His Messenger, His Son, torn with suffering on a cross on which only His love for man has placed Him, have a tragic but transfiguring insight into the richness and reality of God's passion for His own. It is this insight which has taken the Christians to glad martyrdom through the centuries and sent them to the ends of the earth to spread the great Good News. And in humility we record our gratitude that even in this present time evidences multiply that men and women still sally forth as faithful and untiring ambassadors of Christ.

"It is clear that only God can save the peoples, and that the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ not only can but will. It must become clearer to us all, however, that the instruments He demands are not men and women of ideals as such, but those who constantly in prayer and worship verify those same ideals before His august will—verify and improve and never cease to re-verify them.

"It is not the merely moral person whom God requires in the present crisis or in any other, but the person who keeps his morality alive and growing through the constant refreshing of His creative touch. We can none of us become faultless agents of His grace, but the only hope before the world lies in those who at least attempt to know Him and to follow in His way."

Dr. R. W. McClure, recently from China and now a member of the regional staff of the Church Committee for China Relief, reports this incident. At one of his meetings in Rhode Island, a business man just back from Hong Kong arose and said, "The relief work being done by missionaries in war areas has boosted the stock of Christian missions in China 1,000 per cent."

Correct address of Mrs. A. D. Hartwell, Speakers' Bureau Chairman, is 763 Estudillo, San Leandro (not Oakland, as in last Pacific.)

Any commissioner not receiving the report of February Federation meeting, please send name and correct address to the Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. L. H. Richards, 1418 Central Avenue, Alameda.

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